

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

September 25, 2012

The Puente Hills Landfill, formerly known as the San Gabriel Dump, opened in 1957. The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County acquired the facility in 1970 and have operated the landfill since then. The Districts received a ten-year extension of the landfill in 1983 and a second extension in 1993. The landfill was scheduled to close in 2003, but was granted another ten-year extension.

This was the third extension that the neighboring community has had to endure. The surrounding neighbors were strongly opposed to another extension, as they have had to deal with the noise, smell, traffic, and air quality issues of this landfill for over 50 years. In the end, the community reluctantly acquiesced with the assurance that this would be the last extension granted. It is very clear now, just one year away from the planned closure date, that there is an end-run campaign to keep the landfill open.

The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County have been good partners on this issue, and they are prepared to proceed with the closure of Puente Hills Landfill. They also agreed not to seek any further extensions to the landfill when they were granted the current extension, and they have kept their word.

To go back now and ask for yet more time would be completely disingenuous and unfair to the community. We must keep the promise that this County made. The Board should send a strong message that we stand by our word and move forward with a fair and equitable solution to managing the region's solid waste.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors support the planned, promised closure of the Puente Hills Landfill on October 31, 2013 and send a five-signature letter to the General Manager of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County reaffirming that position.

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